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### **CONSUMER ALERT IS YOUR CHIROPRACTOR LICENSED?**

***SAN DIEGO CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CONVICTS UNLICENSED PRACTITIONER FOR  
FALSELY ADVERTISING AS A DOCTOR***

**San Diego, CA:** The City Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against a former massage business owner for unlicensed chiropractic services and for falsely advertising himself as a doctor. Robert Rich Osborn, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge for falsely calling himself "Dr." on his business cards when he was not a licensed physician or surgeon. The case was prosecuted by Deputy City Attorney Joan McNamara of the City Attorney's Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit. The case came to the attention of the City Attorney's Office after a victim complained of serious injuries at the hands of this unlicensed practitioner.

"This is a critical prosecution – it reminds consumers to check the license status of a doctor or chiropractor before signing up for treatment," said City Attorney Michael Aguirre. "An unlicensed practitioner can seriously damage a person's mental and physical health."

Osborn was sentenced to three years probation, thirty days public work service, ordered to pay a \$1,200 fine, and pay victim restitution. Osborn was also ordered not to provide any hands-on service or treatment (i.e. no physical contact of any kind including chiropractic or massage) with a member of the public for compensation of any kind unless properly licensed.

Before submitting themselves to chiropractic treatment consumers should check to make sure their chiropractors are licensed. Licenses may be checked on the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners website located at [www.chiro.ca.gov](http://www.chiro.ca.gov).

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